

**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

Case number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter 11 Check if this an amended filing**Official Form 201****Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy**

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If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and the case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, *Instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-Individuals*, is available.

1. Debtor's name Premier Manufacturing, Inc.

2. All other names debtor used in the last 8 years

Include any assumed names, trade names and *doing business as* names

3. Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) 43-1713251

4. Debtor's address Principal place of business

629 Cepi Dr  
Chesterfield, MO 63005-1221

Number, Street, City, State &amp; ZIP Code

Mailing address, if different from principal place of business

P.O. Box, Number, Street, City, State &amp; ZIP Code

Saint Louis  
County

Location of principal assets, if different from principal place of business

Number, Street, City, State &amp; ZIP Code

5. Debtor's website (URL) www.gopremier.com

6. Type of debtor

- Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LLC) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP))
- Partnership (excluding LLP)
- Other. Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Debtor Premier Manufacturing, Inc. Case number (*if known*) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Describe debtor's business****A. Check one:**

- Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
- Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
- Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))
- Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
- Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
- Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))
- None of the above

**B. Check all that apply**

- Tax-exempt entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. §501)
- Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80a-3)
- Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80b-2(a)(11))

**C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor.**See <http://www.uscourts.gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes>.**4249****8. Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing?****Check one:**

- Chapter 7
- Chapter 9

**■ Chapter 11. Check all that apply:**

- The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D), and its aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,725,625. If this sub-box is selected, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
- The debtor is a debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1182(1), its aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$7,500,000, **and it chooses to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11**. If this sub-box is selected, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return, or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
- A plan is being filed with this petition.
- Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
- The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the *Attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11* (Official Form 201A) with this form.
- The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.

- Chapter 12

**9. Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?****■ No.** **Yes.**

If more than 2 cases, attach a separate list.

District _____	When _____	Case number _____
District _____	When _____	Case number _____

Debtor	<b>Premier Manufacturing, Inc.</b>		Case number ( <i>if known</i> )						
		Name _____							
<b>10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor?</b>									
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes.									
<p>List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">Debtor</td> <td><b>See Attachment</b></td> <td>Relationship</td> </tr> <tr> <td>District</td> <td>When _____</td> <td>Case number, if known _____</td> </tr> </table>				Debtor	<b>See Attachment</b>	Relationship	District	When _____	Case number, if known _____
Debtor	<b>See Attachment</b>	Relationship							
District	When _____	Case number, if known _____							
<b>11. Why is the case filed in this district?</b> <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>									
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor has had its domicile, principal place of business, or principal assets in this district for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other district. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership is pending in this district.									
<b>12. Does the debtor own or have possession of any real property or personal property that needs immediate attention?</b>									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Answer below for each property that needs immediate attention. Attach additional sheets if needed.									
<b>Why does the property need immediate attention? (Check all that apply.)</b>									
<input type="checkbox"/> It poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety. What is the hazard? _____									
<input type="checkbox"/> It needs to be physically secured or protected from the weather.									
<input type="checkbox"/> It includes perishable goods or assets that could quickly deteriorate or lose value without attention (for example, livestock, seasonal goods, meat, dairy, produce, or securities-related assets or other options).									
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____									
<b>Where is the property?</b> _____ Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code _____									
<b>Is the property insured?</b>									
<input type="checkbox"/> No									
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Insurance agency _____ Contact name _____ Phone _____									

### Statistical and administrative information

<b>13. Debtor's estimation of available funds</b>		<i>(Check one:</i>
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
		<input type="checkbox"/> After any administrative expenses are paid, no funds will be available to unsecured creditors.
<b>14. Estimated number of creditors</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999
<b>15. Estimated Assets</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
<b>16. Estimated liabilities</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion

Debtor Premier Manufacturing, Inc. Case number (*if known*) \_\_\_\_\_

Name

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|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million              | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million             | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion          |

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**Request for Relief, Declaration, and Signatures**

**WARNING --** Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

**17. Declaration and signature  
of authorized  
representative of debtor**

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

I have examined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 7, 2021  
 MM / DD / YYYY

**X /s/ Keith H. Merrick**

Signature of authorized representative of debtor

**Keith H. Merrick**

Printed name

Title Vice President & Secretary

**18. Signature of attorney**

**X /s/ Rebecca F. Redwine**

Signature of attorney for debtor

Date July 7, 2021

MM / DD / YYYY

**Rebecca F. Redwine**

Printed name

**Hendren, Redwine & Malone, PLLC**

Firm name

**4600 Marriott Drive**

**Suite 150**

**Raleigh, NC 27612**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone (919) 420-7867

Email address rredwine@hendrenmalone.com

**NC State Bar 37012 NC**

Bar number and State

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**FORM 201. VOLUNTARY PETITION****Pending Bankruptcy Cases Attachment**

Debtor	<b>Big South Distribution, LLC</b>	Relationship to you	<b>Affiliate</b>
District	<b>Eastern District of North Carolina (Raleigh)</b>	When _____	Case number, if known
Debtor	<b>Franchise Wholesale Co., L.L.C.</b>	Relationship to you	<b>Affiliate</b>
District	<b>Eastern District of North Carolina (Raleigh)</b>	When _____	Case number, if known
Debtor	<b>King Maker Marketing, Inc.</b>	Relationship to you	<b>Affiliate</b>
District	<b>Eastern District of North Carolina (Raleigh)</b>	When _____	Case number, if known
Debtor	<b>U.S. Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers, Inc.</b>	Relationship to you	<b>Affiliate</b>
District	<b>Eastern District of North Carolina (Raleigh)</b>	When _____	Case number, if known
Debtor	<b>U.S. Tobacco Cooperative Inc.</b>	Relationship to you	<b>Parent</b>
District	<b>Eastern District of North Carolina (Raleigh)</b>	When _____	Case number, if known

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 Check if this is an amended filing**Official Form 202****Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury for Non-Individual Debtors**

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An individual who is authorized to act on behalf of a non-individual debtor, such as a corporation or partnership, must sign and submit this form for the schedules of assets and liabilities, any other document that requires a declaration that is not included in the document, and any amendments of those documents. This form must state the individual's position or relationship to the debtor, the identity of the document, and the date. Bankruptcy Rules 1008 and 9011.

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**Declaration and signature**

I am the president, another officer, or an authorized agent of the corporation; a member or an authorized agent of the partnership; or another individual serving as a representative of the debtor in this case.

I have examined the information in the documents checked below and I have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct:

- Schedule A/B: Assets–Real and Personal Property* (Official Form 206A/B)
- Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property* (Official Form 206D)
- Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims* (Official Form 206E/F)
- Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases* (Official Form 206G)
- Schedule H: Codebtors* (Official Form 206H)
- Summary of Assets and Liabilities for Non-Individuals* (Official Form 206Sum)
- Amended Schedule*
- Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders* (Official Form 204)
- Other document that requires a declaration* \_\_\_\_\_

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 7, 2021X /s/ Keith H. Merrick

Signature of individual signing on behalf of debtor

Keith H. Merrick

Printed name

Vice President & Secretary

Position or relationship to debtor

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**Official Form 204****Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders**

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A list of creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims must be filed in a Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 case. Include claims which the debtor disputes. Do not include claims by any person or entity who is an insider, as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(31). Also, do not include claims by secured creditors, unless the unsecured claim resulting from inadequate collateral value places the creditor among the holders of the 20 largest unsecured claims.

Name of creditor and complete mailing address, including zip code	Name, telephone number and email address of creditor contact	Nature of claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services, and government contracts)	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	Amount of claim		
				Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff	Unsecured claim
ABF Freight System, Inc. PO Box 10048 Fort Smith, AR 72917						\$3,366.32
Averitt Express Atlanta, GA 30368						\$110.00
Case N' Keg						\$264.00
Central District Alarm 6450 Clayton Ave Saint Louis, MO 63139						\$140.10
Charter Communications (PMI)						\$477.90
Commercial Pest Management 2710 Sutton Blvd Saint Louis, MO 63143						\$245.00
Douglas Company 200 Exchange Conway, AR 72032						\$360.00
Estes Express Lines Minneapolis, MN 55480-7700						\$2,555.95
Fish Window Cleaning 200 Enchanted Parkway Manchester, MO 63021						\$36.00

Debtor Name	Premier Manufacturing, Inc.	Case number (if known)		
Name of creditor and complete mailing address, including zip code	Name, telephone number and email address of creditor contact	Nature of claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services,	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	Amount of claim If the claim is fully unsecured, fill in only unsecured claim amount. If claim is partially secured, fill in total claim amount and deduction for value of collateral or setoff to calculate unsecured claim.
				Total claim, if partially secured      Deduction for value of collateral or setoff      Unsecured claim
Hughes Customat Inc. 170 Boulder Industrial Dr. Bridgeton, MO 63044				\$105.50
IBM Credit LLC Attn: Managing Agent or Officer One North Castle Drive Baldwin Place, NY 10505				\$0.00
Optum Bank PO Box 271629 Salt Lake City, UT 84127-1629				\$148.83
Radford Warehouse 31 Plymouth St Mansfield, MA 02048				\$846.72
Renfro Supply Company 423 S. 5th St Williamsburg, KY 40769				\$1,500.00
Rick Johnson 1330 Lake Hollow Drive Defiance, MO 63341				\$109.73
Serena Wholesale 3840 Eisenhower Pkwy Macon, GA 31206				\$3,724.70
Staples				\$0.00
State of New Jersey				\$87.24
TMG International Inc. 5449 Endeavor Ct Camarillo, CA 93010				\$700.00

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**VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX**

I, the Vice President & Secretary of the corporation named as the debtor in this case, hereby verify that the attached list of creditors is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: July 7, 2021

/s/ Keith H. Merrick

**Keith H. Merrick/Vice President & Secretary**  
Signer>Title

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**CORPORATE OWNERSHIP STATEMENT (RULE 7007.1)**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7007.1 and to enable the Judges to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for Premier Manufacturing, Inc. in the above captioned action, certifies that the following is a (are) corporation(s), other than the debtor or a governmental unit, that directly or indirectly own(s) 10% or more of any class of the corporation's(s') equity interests, or states that there are no entities to report under FRBP 7007.1:

U.S. Tobacco Cooperative Inc.  
1304 Annapolis Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27608

None [Check if applicable]

July 7, 2021

Date

*/s/ Rebecca F. Redwine*

**Rebecca F. Redwine**

Signature of Attorney or Litigant  
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